

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/07/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-49.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 15 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

This communication is an Examiner's reasons for allowance in response to application filed on 07/15/2003, assigned serial 10/619,974 and titled "Method and System for Distributed Navigation"

The following is the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

After carefully performing further search in some areas that are relevant to the claimed subject matter of the present invention, the examiner has recognized none of the references discloses: "a method of providing distributed navigation to a user via the client comprises the steps: sending a request from the client to the server if a predetermined event set to trigger communication between the client and the server occurs, transmitting additional information from the server to the client in response to the request, presenting the user with a reroute option generated using the transmitted additional information, and calculating a new route if the user selects the reroute option; detecting a communication triggered by a predetermined event between the server and the client, and determining by the client, based on the detected communication, if the nominal route is affected". Also, none of the references of record discloses or suggests "a distributed navigation system comprising: a server for receiving the routing request from the client and in response thereto executing one or more of the following functions: accessing one or more databases, generating a nominal route to the destination

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according to the set of position coordinates, and sending to the client navigation information of the nominal route along with mapping information for a corridor Area surrounding the nominal route, wherein said client is further configured to send an additional request to said server when communication triggered by a predetermined event occurs and said server is further configured to send an additional information to said client in response to the additional request, and wherein said client determines if a new route is needed based on the additional information".

It is found neither the reference to Pechatnikov et al. nor another references teaches the limitations as stated above.

For that reason, the application is now patentable over the cited prior art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan C To whose telephone number is (703) 308-6273. The examiner can normally be reached on from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.

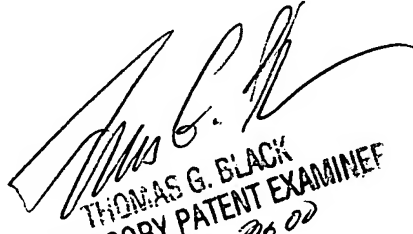
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black can be reached on (703) 305-8233.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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